

**CHAPTER NO. 752**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2260**

**By Representatives Cooper, Harry Brooks**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2273**

**By Senators Harper, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to services for inmates on release.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 40-35-505. Before the release of an inmate under this chapter, the department of correction shall conduct an orientation for the inmate concerning relevant post release or parole issues. As a part of the department's existing orientation program, the orientation shall address issues of restoration of citizenship, voting, and the availability of services relating to education, employment, family, and child support. Specific attention shall be given to, but not limited to, general equivalency diplomas and adult education, access to health care and health insurance, reinstatement of licenses and voting rights, and food stamps.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 10, 2004**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR